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SUBJECT: USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION TESTS

1. THE AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) DESIRES
TO CONDUCT COMMUNICATIONS TESTS, FROM 1 JULY 73 TO 31 DEC
73, WITH THE USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION AT INCIRLIK, TURKEY
WHICH HAS HIGH FREQUENCY/ SINGLE SIDE BAND (HF/ SSB)
COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TEHERAN AREA.
(ATMOSPHERIC OR CLIMATIC CONDITIONS MAY REQUIRE USE OF
BACKUP STATION IN ENGLAND.) A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY
WITHIN EXISTING NETWORKS IS REQUIRED TO INSURE WORLDWIDE
COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MAC AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT. MAC AIRCRAFT
OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED INTO MANY AIRFIELDS WHICH HAVE
LIMITED OR NO CAPABILITY FOR VOICE CONTACT WITH USAF
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COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. COMMAND CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT IS OFTEN LOST UNTIL IT RETURNS TO A STATION OR ROUTE WHERE CONTACT WITH THE MAC COMMAND POST SYSTEM IS POSSIBLE. THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TEST WILL EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXERCISING COMMAND CONTROL OF MAC AIRCRAFT FROM EXISTING COMPONENTS OF THE COMMAND POST SYSTEM THROUGH THE USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION NETWORK TO THE AIRCRAFT WHEN ON THE GROUND AT ANY AIRDROME THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

2. THE PROPOSED TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY USING DESIGNATED MAC C-141 AND C-5 AIRCRAFT WHICH TRANSIT TEHERAN ON CHANNEL OR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT MISSIONS. ADDITIONALLY, ONLY AIRCRAFT HF/SSB TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS WILL BE USED AT THE AERODROME, BY THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CREW DURING AUTHORIZED GROUND TIME FOR THE SPECIFIED AIRLIFT MISSION. TESTS WILL DETERMINE CAPABILITY OF INSTALLED AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT WITH PRIMARY OR BACKUP USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION FROM THE AIRCRAFT PARKING POSITION AT THE AERODROME. THE AIRCRAFT AND CREW SO SPECIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN A TEST WILL TRANSIT TEHERAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE (FCG) FOR THE PERTINENT AIRLIFT MISSION. THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED A SEPARATE NOTICE OF EACH TEST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE USDAO. THIS NOTICE WILL INCLUDE THE AIRLIFT MISSION NUMBER, TYPE AIRCRAFT AND PROPOSED DATE THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED. CONTACTS WITH USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MATTERS OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS DIVERSION, REROUTE, AND RECALL. FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS ARE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME FOR TEST PURPOSES ONLY. TESTS ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 AIRDROMES SELECTED TO ASCERTAIN HF/SSB COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES WITHIN ASIA, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA, AND AUSTRALIA. IF TESTS PROVE SATISFACTORY, A FUTURE REQUEST FOR FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS WILL INCLUDE REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARKED AIRCRAFT AND USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION NETWORK.

3. NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS TEST. THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF CREW MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY

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GRANTED FOREIGN CLEARANCE. RADIO FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATION WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, SUBJECT TO PROJECT APPROVAL. NO SPECIAL SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS TEST.

4. PROJECT DATA ARE RELEASABLE TO HOST NATION AND COMMUNICATION TESTS MAY BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS, IF

DESIRED.

5. BETTER COMMAND/ CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MISSION
AIRCRAFT TRANSITING THE AREA PRIMARILY WOULD BENEFIT US
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RECEIVING AIRLIFT SUPPORT FROM MAC AS
THE RESULT OF INCREASED EFFICIENCY FOR THESE MISSIONS.
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BENEFIT THROUGH INCREASED
EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERY OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AND
DISASTER RELIEF MATERIEL AS WELL AS FROM MINIMIZING DELAYS
AT AERODROMES WHICH MAY ADD TO CONGESTION AND SUPPORT
REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON LOCAL FACILITIES.

6. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SEEK APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT
AS DESCRIBED. ROGERS

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